GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FRUITS PRODUCTION IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh is the largest fruit producing State in the country;

(b) if so, the details of annual production of fruits, category-wise in terms of quantity and value;

(c) whether it is proposed to assist the State Government to undertake a massive fruit export programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): No, Sir. As per the latest figures available for production of fruits (for the year 1999-2000), the position of Andhra Pradesh is fourth in the country after Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The Agriculture & Processed Food Products Export DevelopmentAuthority (APEDA) in association with the State Government is undertaking awareness programmes for various fruits having export potential and are also organising integrated training programmes on mangoes and grape for producing good quality products for the export market. Moreover, APEDA is attempting to implement the concept of Agri Export Zone (AEZ) involving activities like produce identification,selection of locations, strengthening of infrastructure and logistics, strengthening of processing facilities and market development.